

## **MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

October 3, 2007— Agenda Item VIII

Resolution No. 07-133

### **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JEWISH BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CAMP CURRICULUM AND NATURALIST SERVICES AT BIG MOUNTAIN CAMP, CAMP MAX STRAUS, GLENDALE**

*Resolved*, That the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that the Jewish Big Brothers, Big Sisters (JBBBS) operates the 114 acre Camp Max Straus in Glendale, the facilities of which are well suited for weekday, residential science camp for school groups and is accredited by the American Camp Association; and
2. FINDS that the MRCA field science camp model can be expanded to include a camp in the Verdugo Hills; and
3. FINDS that availability of facilities during the weekdays, September through June, provide an opportunity for the MRCA and JBBBS to offer a collaborative camp program serving both public and private schools; and
4. FINDS that both organizations are committed to serving schools that are traditionally underserved with outdoor education experiences; and
5. FINDS that a cooperative agreement between the JBBBS and MRCA to operate "Big Mountains Camp" is in keeping with the mission and goals of each organization; and
6. FINDS that JBBBS is willing to seek private donations and grants for the operation of such a program; and

7. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
8. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated October 3, 2007; and
9. AUTHORIZES such budget amendments that may be necessary to implement these actions; and
10. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

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Chair

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the th day of October 3, 2007.

Date:

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Executive Officer